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Simon Giffin enlisted 28 February 1777 in the Connecticut Line. He served as a Private and commenced as a Sergeant Major 12 April 1778 and as a Quartermaster Sergeant a month later in May. Simon first served in Samuel B. Webb's 3rd Connecticut Regiment and later in General Isreal Putnam in the fortification of West Point in preparation for the defense and installation of "The Great Chain" on the Hudson River. Simon's name was place on the Pension Roll 12 May 1818, less than 2 ½ years before his death.

During his military service, he kept a diary and the Regiment Quartermaster book in which he set down an account of rations drawn and issued by him. In 1882 these were in the possession of his great-grandson, John G. Belden of Wethersfield, Connecticut. The Connecticut State Library in Hartford is now in possession of the diary and the Quartermaster book.

In 2002 the Library reviewed the Quartermaster book in connection with the 225th Anniversary of the Founding of the Fortress West Point. Simon has kept colorful and detailed accounts of the first months of 1778 when West Point was first occupied and before the fortification had begun. His accounts of the day-to-day happenings and of an early mutiny among the Connecticut troops is very detailed. The comings and goings of the officers are interspersed with daily weather readings and the status of the ice in the Hudson River.

One of Giffin's most interesting accounts was that of crossing the ice-covered river on a bleak day in late January. He recorded many plaguing problems as a sergeant in the under-staffed unit. His penmanship, spelling and grammar were incidental details, which had to take a back seat in comparison with the events, which his foresight recorded. The reading of the manuscript is a task in itself. Every effort has been made to retain the original flavor of the diarist's construction, but this is not to say that the original intent has been discovered in every case. On of the most unusual words he used was remarkbell for remarkable. — * 1st sheet

Here is a short part of his account:
A cold morning, but clear –Marched over the River and the ice—Marched back a gain for there was no Place to Lodge there on the West side of the River. So we had to go into the woods and make fires and make our beds on the snow. We made a hut that 15 of us lay pretty warm considering the weather being so very cold. *2nd sheet
+ 3rd "

He would report later that, on 1 February 1778, he "Lay at West Point, in his hut, indicating that the troops has firmly established themselves on the west shore of the Hudson.

Earlier General George Washington had been appointed by the Continental Congress to work with the New York Provincial Congress to make plans to fortify the Hudson River against the British. An engineer was appointed to begin the construction of a large fort on the island that was to be named "Fort Constitution." The island is a mass of rock that divides the bed of the Hudson River unequally at the bend around the point, the western branch being a marshy shallow.

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Simon Giffin, Jr.
Revolutionary Patriot
and
My 4th Great-Grandfather

Served as a Quartermaster Sergeant in Samuel Blatchley Webb's Regiment

1777 - 1783

Diary of Corporal Jonathan Ferguson Simon Giffin
Feeding 1777 – Feb 1779

This account starts in January 1778

Jenny 23 Friday Marched about 2 mile Rain drawed Rum marched three miles & Med a halt Logged there mad a weekly Return Nothing Strange

Jenny 24 Saturday Layed Fishkills 5 miles Back from the town Nothing Remarkbell,

Sabath Jenny 25 Layed this same Place had to go to the Office [illegible] Role Call Rec'd 3 Dollers of Lieut Wells Nothing Stranga Lay at Mr Lasce

Jenny Munday 26 a [illegible] Lay still till 2 o'clock then we [illegible] Towards North River about 8 mad Lay at fishkills coll Livingsane joined us hear

Jenny Tuesday 27 a cold morning but clear marched down to [illegible] Place that Fort Constitution was but [illegible] and a halt marched over the Rever [illegible] we marched back a gain fro ther was no Place to Loge theor on the West side [illegible] River So we had to go into the Wood [illegible] mack fiers & mach ouer Rods on [illegible] we mad a halt that 15 of us Lay Prity [illegible] considering the wether being so very cold

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Jenny Thinsday 29 This morning Rained hard as it had dun all night but it clared up about Nevin I went [illegible] Rever to work on my hut worked hard all day & at Night returned to my old hut that I had on this side of the Rever Loged [illegible] considerin the badness of the wether

Jenny Fryday 30 This morning I wen tot work over the Rever at my hut and got it so that I loged in it Med a [illegible] return 29 Mare Besides them that was [illegible] Preacher this Never was a good deal Rain

Jenny Saturday 31 Rained [illegible]day & all night which made it uncomfortable for us for the rain came down mostly [illegible] not having good covering

Sabath Februy 1 Lay at West point Drawed [illegible] day Provision and [illegible] of Rum a day Nothing happed Remarkable

Munday Febury 2 This day I worked on my hut Nothing Remarkbe

Tusday 3d this day I worked for Capt Wy[illegible] his Chimely [illegible] he [illegible] the lee gose of very hot I had to [illegible] or gaurd & fortacue

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Thinsday Febury 5 I went to work a Gulding of the officers hut Gent Parsons Came hear this day & Gent Putnam and went throw all the huts to see how thay Lived – a bout five o'clock theor was a Hagor Man was whipped 23 Lashes he be longed to Coll Wyllies Regt

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Diary of Quartermaster Sergeant Simon Giffin
Spring 1777 – Fall 1779

This excerpt starts in January 1778

Jenny 23 Friday Marched about 2 mild then drawed Rum marched three milds & Mad a halt Loged theor mad a weekly Return Nothing Strange.
Jenny 24 Saterday Lay at Fishkills[4] 5 milds Back from the town Nothing Remarkbell.
Saboth Jenny 25 Lay at the same Place had to go to the Officers Quarters to Role Call Rec'd 3 Dolers of Lieut Wells[5] Nothing Strange Lay at Mr Lasee
Jenny Munday 26 a cold morning Lay still till 2 o'clock then we Marched towards North River about 6 mild Lay at fishkills coll Livingson[6] joined us hear
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Jenny wensday 28 This morning crossed the North rEver on the ice and went to work to mak huts in the grounf by diging in a side hill wheor they ware a Going to Bild a fort & at Night Returned to ouer old huts in the wods a Gain
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Friday Febury 6 This day I went to work at the officers hut and I had to leve of work Becase it Snowed I had a Forlow given this night to go hom & a Packet of Leters Snowed very hard

Journey of Quartermaster Sergeant Simon Ogden
Spring 1777 – Spring 1779

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Hudson River
West Point on the lower left
Constitution Island center right

Six week furlough to Connecticut, entries omitted

Friday March 20 This morning marched from kent about 24 milds Nothing Remarkbell
Saterday March 21 Marched as far as Fishkill mad a hlaat eat Breafast march as far as Fort Constitution had to wad a crosse the S. Meddow about half lege deep in mud & water and cold not get a Cross so that we had to march Back a Gain a bout 4 milds down the North Rever in

order to Cross But cold not the wind blowed so hard Sat up by the fire all night a cold night Last Night Sawell got away from the Provost Corde a Solger in Coll Samll Webb (illegible)
Saboth March 22 This I went to the fery and haled for the Boat but they did not come after us till about newn I got a crost the Rever and joined the (illegible)
Munday March 23 This day I worked on the Fort11 at west point as Colentere all the ofofcers worked
Tusday March 24 This morning I went on the Main Guard Had 15 prisinors to keep under Gaurd I was ordered to tack six men and go about a mild down the rever to a ferry and stoped men and go about a mild down the rever to a ferry and stoped all Travelers with out a Pase or Lyberty from the Genll had won man brout under Gard with had cofs for in Listing in two Devernt Regtmt Leuit Wells had the command of the guard
Wensday March 25 I was releved from gaurd about 9 o clock in the morning this Day thenr was 2 field pieses & won howet brot to west point and the first gun that ever was fiered on west Point was fierd this Evining cannon I mean
Thrsday March 26 this morning at Trup Beeting thear a man had Forty Seven Lashes for Listing in two Diferant Regtm I Reef my wages 2 munt from the first of Noevember Snowed sum and Raned in the after newn Nothing Remark
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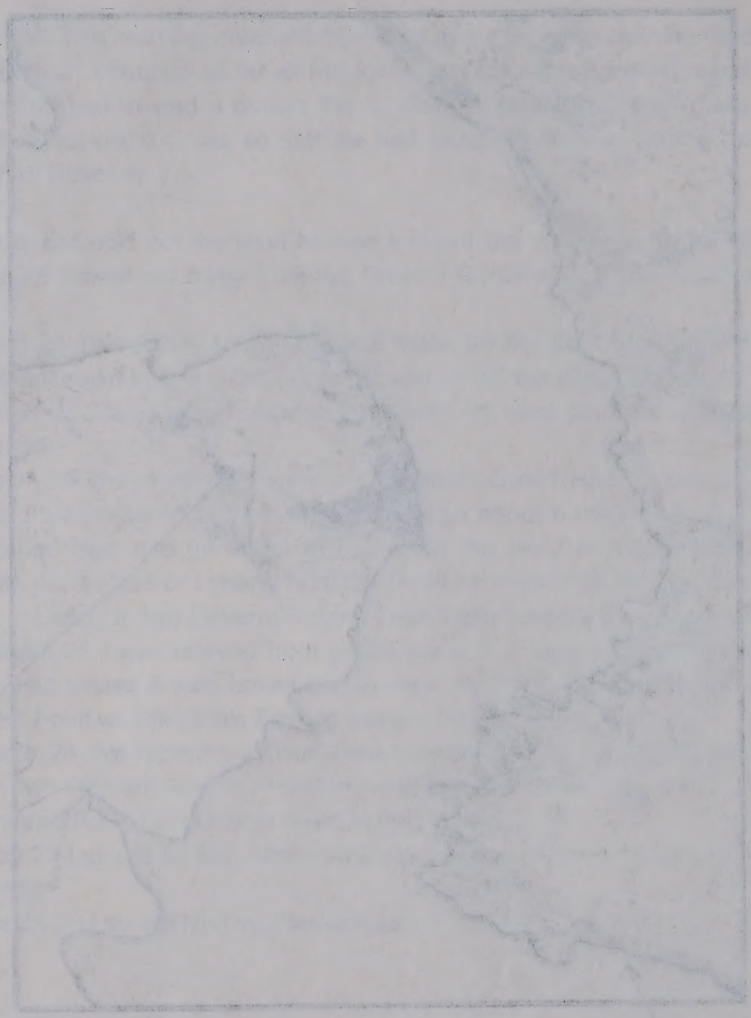

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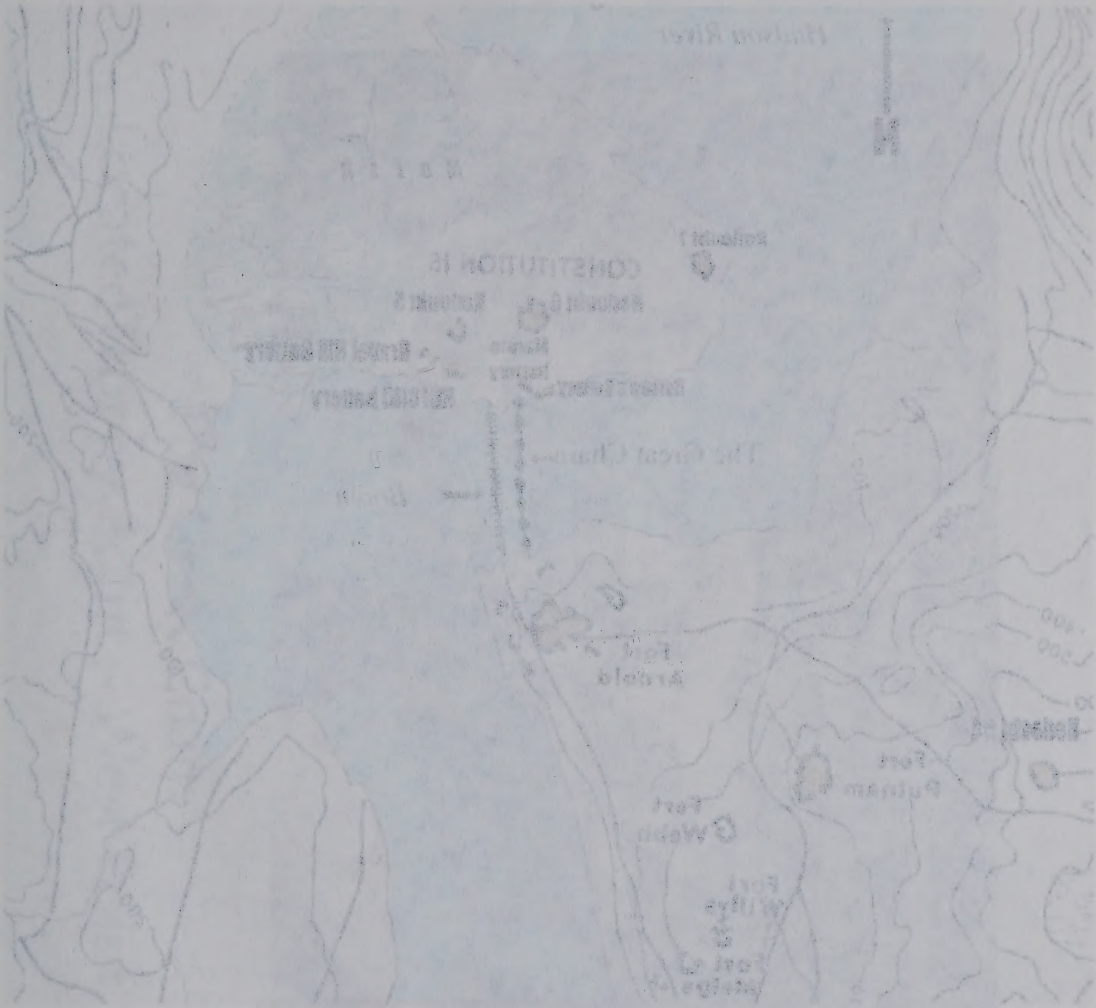

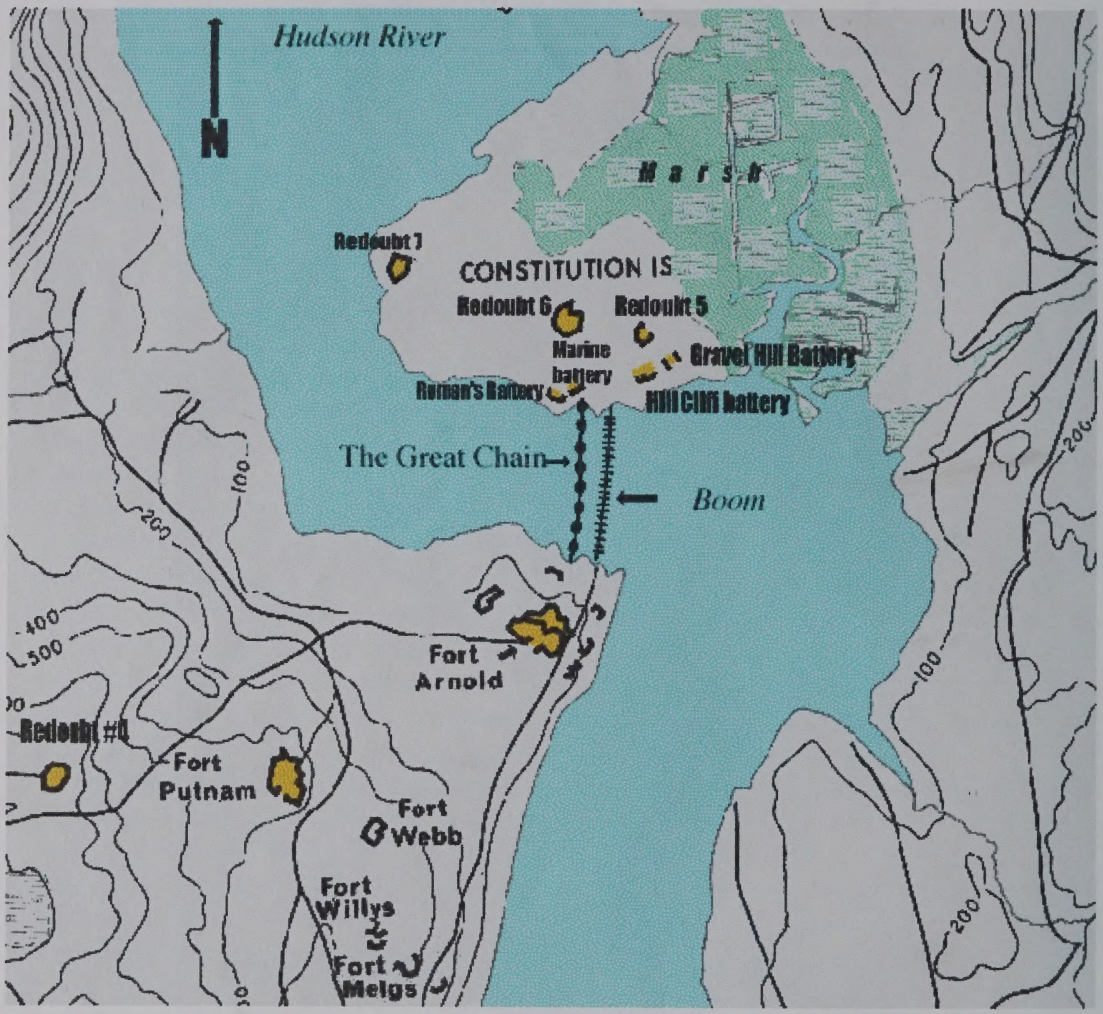
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Fort Putnam
Fort Webb
Fort Willys
Fort Meigs

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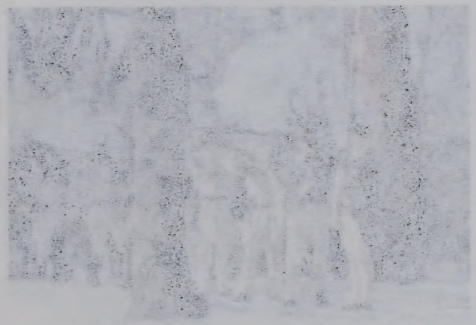

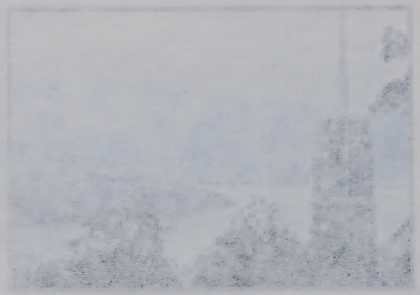

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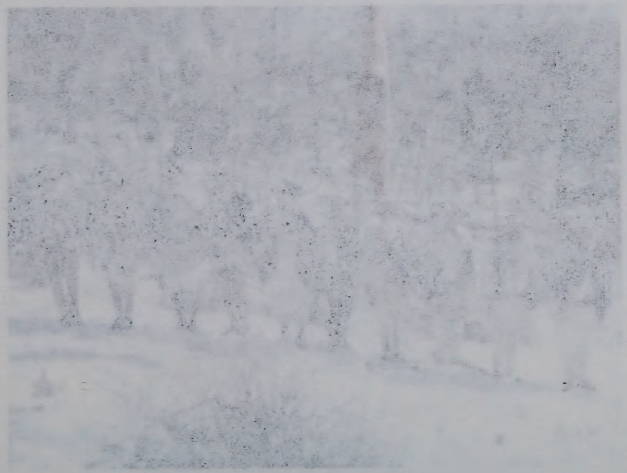

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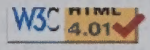

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A History of the 30th Illinois Veteran Volunteer Regiment of Infantry

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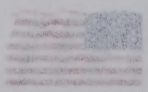

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From: "Mel Smith" <MSmith@cslib.org>
Date: Tue, 02 Mar 2004 09:40:26 -0500
To: <bfulton@fullnet.net>

Dear Ms. Fulton,

This e-mail in response to your query about the Simon Giffin diary. I have consulted our manuscript & archives catalog and found the following two entries:

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Giffin, Simon, 1740-1820
Diary of Quartermaster Sergt. Simon Giffin of Col. Samuel B. Webb's regiment, May 20, 1777--March 2, 1780. Hartford, Connecticut state library, 1950.

1 volume, photostat copy of manuscript.

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[Record book kept by Quartermaster Simon Giffin of Col. Samuel B. Webb's
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1 volume, Manuscript
Donated by Barbara G. Dagle of Elmwood, Conn. on March 26, 1976.

I have spoken to several fellow librarians, along with the State Archivist,
Dr. Mark Jones, to see if a review of this item was done, and discovered that no
such review was undertaken by our staff. It is most likely that a researcher visited
our institution and obtained information form the documents to be used in the 225th
Anniversary of the Founding Fortress West Point celebration.

I hope this information is helpful to you in your presentation.

Most sincerely yours,

Mel E. Smith, Librarian II
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Phone: (860) 757-8580

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Dr. Mark Jones, to see if a review of this item was done, and discovered that no
much review was ever taken by this staff. It is most likely that a
transcriber varied
our tradition and obtained abbreviation from the documents to be used
in the 1920s
Anniversary of the founding Fifteen West Point celebration.

I hope this information is helpful to you in your preservation.

Most sincerely yours,

Mel S. Smith, Librarian II
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Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: (860) 757-6580

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Where was Simon's Diary found?

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I know the Library has several items regarding the Giffin/Giffen family.

I excitedly look forward to hearing from you.

Most sincerely,
Barbara Walcher Fulton
Bartlesville, OK

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http://www.hudsonrivervalley.net/books/GiffinDiary.pdf

Giffin's Diary
The first fortification of West Point
Edited by Merle Sheffield

Introduction

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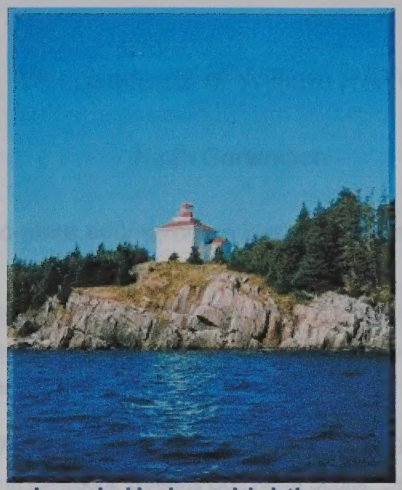

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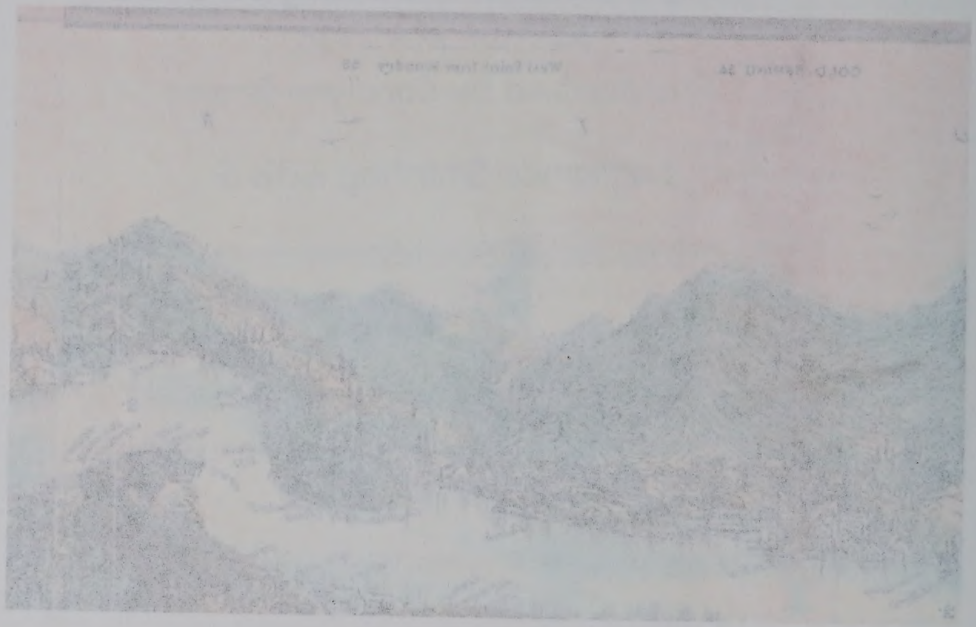

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On September 21, 1775, John Berrien used the name "Constitution Fort" for the first time in an official document of the New York Provincial Congress.

Gen. George Washington was appointed by the Continental Congress to work with the New York Provincial Congress to make plans on how the Hudson River should be fortified against the British. Subsequently, Bernard Romans, an engineer, was appointed to begin the construction of the large fort on the island which was to be named "Fort Constitution." When Sir Henry Clinton's British troops went up the Hudson River from New York City in 1777, the small group of American soldiers encamped on the island destroyed as much as possible of the unfinished fort and fled. British troops occupied the island for twenty days. Fort Constitution was never rebuilt.

West Point was the new site of the forts built by the Americans in January 1778, where a chain was stretched across the river to Constitution Island. Col. Thaddeus Kosciuszko directed the construction at West Point and, on Constitution Island, built three redoubts and a battery to protect the east end of the great chain. A large barracks was built and American soldiers were stationed on the island until December 20, 1783 when Gen. Washington's personal "lifeguard" was disbanded there.

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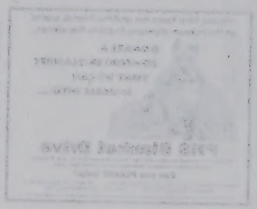

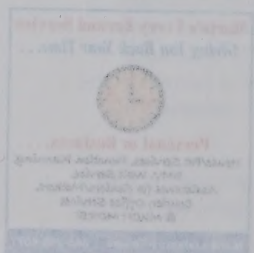

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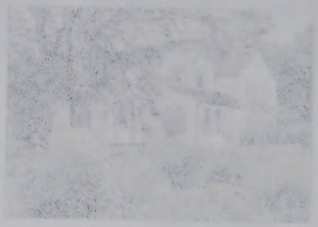

The Warner Home at Constitution Island

CONSTITUTION ISLAND ASSOCIATION

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Constitution Island is located along the eastern shore of the Hudson River, across from West Point and south of Cold Spring. It is part of the United States Military Academy, a National Registered Landmark. The Warner House and ruins of the Revolutionary War fortifications are the points of interest.

On September 21, 1775, John Boyer used the name "Constitution Fort" for the first time in an official document of the New York Provincial Congress.

Gen. George Washington was appointed by the Continental Congress to work with the New York Provincial Congress to make plans on how the Hudson River should be fortified against the British. Subsequently, Bernard Romans, an engineer, was appointed to begin the construction of the large fort on the island which was to be named "Fort Constitution." When Sir Henry Clinton's British troops went up the Hudson River from New York City in 1777, the small group of American soldiers encamped on the island determined as much as possible of the unfinished fort and fled. British troops occupied the island for twenty days. Fort Constitution was never rebuilt.

West Point was the new site of the forts built by the Americans in January 1778, where a chain was stretched across the river to Constitution Island. Col. Tadeusz Kosciuszko directed the construction at West Point and, on Constitution Island, built three redoubts and a battery to protect the east end of the great chain. A large barracks was built and American soldiers were stationed on the island until December 20, 1783 when Gen. Washington's personal "lifeguard" was disbanded there.

The Warner House

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In 1778 and 1779, the Americans partially rebuilt Marine Battery, completely rebuilt Gravel Hill Battery, and constructed three interior redoubts to protect the river batteries from attack from the north. These fortifications added depth to the West Point defensive zone.

In 1778, the great chain was anchored at Constitution Island in the cove below Marine Battery.

(West Point Marker)

ENROUTE TO FISHKILL — HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Beacon -- Watch for the George Washington statue. Across the river is Newburgh, home of George Washington's Headquarters during the defense of the Highlands.

In honor of the bicentennial of the death of George Washington, who visited the nearby Madam Brett Homestead during the American Revolution.

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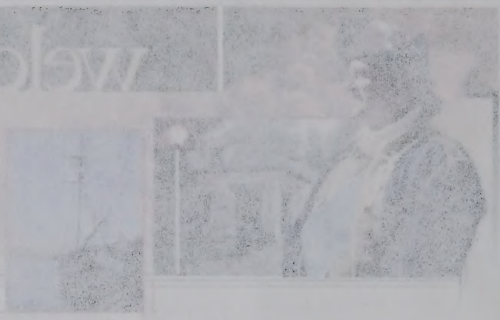

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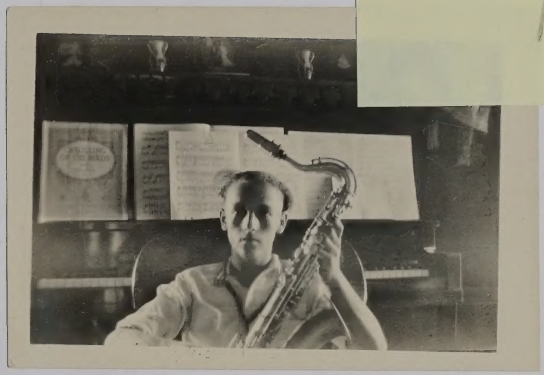

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A Farewell to Mr. Price.

Farewell receptions and surprise parties are the order of the day during the last week of Rev. and Mrs. Price's stay in LaHarpe.

In spite of the frownings and threatenings of the weather man last Wednesday evening a crowd gathered at the Presbyterian church for a meeting that was of two-fold interest to all the church pepole. The annual congregational meeting was followed by a reception, the honored guests of which were the loved pastor and his family. Those present reported a fine time, and expressed their deepest regret that this should be the last meeting of its kind at which Rev. Price should serve in the capacity of pastor.

For three and a half years they have made their home in LaHarpe, and in this brief time they have proved themselves almost indispensable to their church and to the community. In losing them the town has lost two valued citizens. They are admired and respected by all who know them for the steadfastness of purpose with which they stand up for the fundamental principles of Christianity and right living.

They could be found always among the progressive citizens of the town in any movement which was for the betterment of the churches, schools, or the city at large. Never have they failed to respond to the appeal for support in any enterprise which would tend toward the uplift of the moral and social life of the community.

Not only among the adult life of LaHarpe will Rev. and Mrs. Price be missed. They have made many friends among the boys and girls, who will keenly miss them for their friendly interest in, and pleasurable companionship with them. Their only son, Irn Paul, who has grown from boyhood into promising young manhood while here, has had a telling influence for good on the lives of his boy friends. His absence will be felt in all the activities of the church, and by the young people of the town.

Rev. Price left Friday for his new field of labor, but Mrs. Price and Irn will remain with us a while longer to make it possible for Irn to finish his school year with the full number of credits for the year's work.

The best wishes and earnest prayers of their many friends, both in the church and in the town, go with them as they go to their new home in Nebraska.

That community has gained what we have lost,—a family of faithful, consistent, Christian workers, to whom no work is too hard, no task too irksome to be undertaken if it will be a benefit to humanity and to the work of the Master.—A Reader.

H. Appleman is here from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has interests in two or three oil leases in this field.

—A. O. U. W. Lodge will give a dance Wednesday night. Shields' Orchestra. Members free.

Glen Freeman is ill at his home in Sterling Heights and unable to be at his duties at the Katy depot.

—Dance at Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Thursday, April 10th. Music by Jazz Band. 4-8-10-c

Mr. Eli Bailey of Centerville, Iowa, is in town today looking over the oil situation from the viewpoint of an investor.

E. M. Burt of Nowata, Oklahoma, is in the Iola oil field placing some oil well machinery for his company.

—C. L. Whitaker has moved his office into the Globe building. Phone 117.

A. P. Wilson, the community man at the Y. M. C. A., went to Independence today where he will address the head camp convention of the Woodmen of the World.

The united evangelistic campaign which is being carried on as a pre-Easter activity among the protestant churches of Iola, started off Sunday evening. Services will be held in the various churches both in the afternoon and evening from now until Easter. A more definite announcement and probably the program will be given by the Register after today.

Jack McKissick landed a fine four-pound black bass from Rock Creek yesterday afternoon. A good many fishermen have brought home a good string of bass during the warm days of the past week.

Was Willing to Risk it.

Little Vivian, aged three, wanted more cake, but was told that it would make her sick. She was silent for a moment and then exclaimed: "Well, mamma, dest div emannuzzer piece of cake, an' send for ze doctor."

Workmen from the T. B. Shannon store are putting up a nice new awning on the west side of Ramsay's.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pletcher Root (Christian Caton) will regret to learn that they expect to locate in Iola in the near future and make their permanent home instead of Winfield. Mr. Root has purchased a fine farm near Iola and will engage in farming. They will reside in Iola until next fall, and will supervise the farm and later move on

Mr. Root recently returned from

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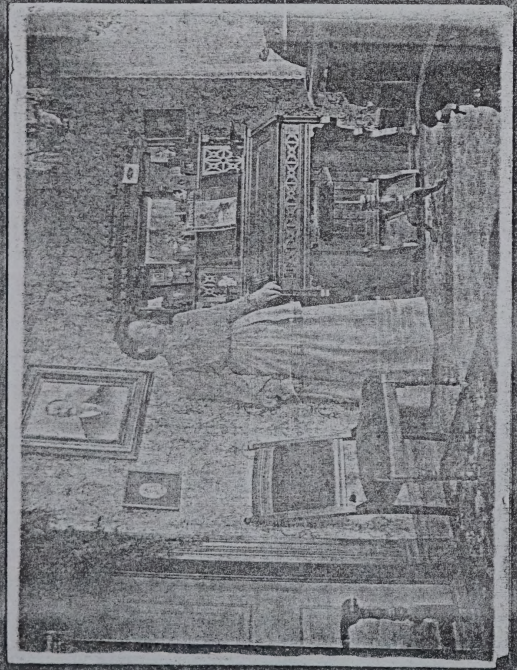

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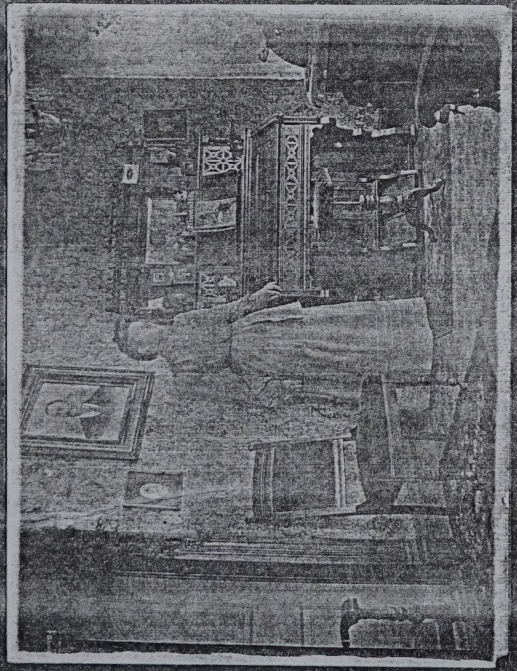

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Family Group Record

Husband **Henry Giffin**

Born	20 Dec 1834	Place	Oswegatchie, St. Lawrence, NY
Chris'd		Place	
Died	23 Nov 1913	Place	La Harpe, Allen, KS
Buried	25 Nov 1913	Place	Dunlap, Morris, KS
Married	20 Dec 1868	Place	Viola, Mercer, IL
Husband's father	George Giffin	Husband's mother	Sarah Hill

Wife **Sarah Jane Cooke**

Born	25 Sep 1843	Place	, , IN
Chris'd		Place	
Died	23 Sep 1916	Place	La Harpe, Allen, KS
Buried		Place	Dunlap, Morris, KS
Wife's father	Asa Cooke	Wife's mother	Lydia Louise Ferris

Children List each child in order of birth.

1 F **Ina G Giffin**

Born	12 Dec 1870	Place	
Chris'd		Place	
Died	5 Jan 1938	Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse			
Married		Place	

2 M **Frank J Giffin**

Born	30 Apr 1872	Place	Rochelle, Ogle, IL
Chris'd		Place	
Died	8 Feb 1949	Place	Vergennes, Jackson, IL
Buried	Feb 1949	Place	Vergennes, Jackson, IL, Central Cem
Spouse	Carrie Mae Williams		
Married	27 Oct 1897	Place	Nevada, Vernon, MO

3 F **Lilly F Giffin**

Born	4 Dec 1875	Place	
Chris'd		Place	
Died	1884	Place	1884
Buried		Place	
Spouse			
Married		Place	

4 F **Glenna "Rosa" Giffin**

Born	11 Jun 1877	Place	
Chris'd		Place	
Died	Apr 1958	Place	Iola, Allen, KS
Buried	Apr 1958	Place	Moran, Allen, KS
Spouse	Harvey Harrison "Harve" Brock		
Married		Place	

5 F **Lydia "Mae" Giffin**

Born	27 May 1880	Place	Alexandria, Thayer, NB
Chris'd		Place	
Died	19 Mar 1955	Place	Iola, Allen, KS
Buried	22 Mar 1955	Place	Blackwell, Kay, OK, IOOF Cem
Spouse	Milford Milligan "Milt" Brock		
Married	29 Nov 1900	Place	Nevada, Vernon, MO

6 M **Sanford "Roy" Giffin**

Born	18 Apr 1885	Place	
Chris'd		Place	
Died	12 May 1909	Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Nora Swan		
Married	12 May 1909	Place	

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Husband Henry Griffin

Born	20 Oct 1836	Place	Conyngham, St Lawrence, NY
Christened		Place	
Died	29 Nov 1917	Place	La Harpe, Allen, KS
Buried	29 Nov 1917	Place	Dunlap, Morris, KS
Married	20 Dec 1858	Place	Vienna, Monroe, IL
Husband's father	George Griffin	Husband's mother	Cynthia Bell

Wife Sarah Jane Cogle

Born	22 Sep 1843	Place	, IN
Christened		Place	
Died	23 Sep 1919	Place	La Harpe, Allen, KS
Buried		Place	Dunlap, Morris, KS
Wife's father	Asa Cogle	Wife's mother	Lavina Lorene Ferris

Children: List each child in order of birth.

1	F	Ann G Griffin		
	Born	12 Dec 1870	Place	
	Christened		Place	
	Died	3 Jan 1938	Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse			
	Married		Place	
2	M	Frank J Griffin		
	Born	10 Apr 1872	Place	Kossuth, Clay, IL
	Christened		Place	
	Died	8 Jan 1940	Place	Virginia, Jackson, IL
	Buried	11 Jan 1940	Place	Virginia, Jackson, IL Central Cem
	Spouse	Clara Mae Williams		
	Married	22 Oct 1897	Place	Neosho, Vernon, MO
3	F	Lillie F Griffin		
	Born	4 Nov 1875	Place	
	Christened		Place	
	Died	1944	Place	1944
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse			
	Married		Place	
4	F	Catherine "Kate" Griffin		
	Born	11 Jan 1877	Place	
	Christened		Place	
	Died	Apr 1939	Place	Iola, Allen, KS
	Buried	Apr 1939	Place	Elsmore, Allen, KS
	Spouse	Harry or Harrison "Harry" Brooks		
	Married		Place	
5	F	Emma "Alice" Griffin		
	Born	27 May 1880	Place	Adrenalina, Texas, NE
	Christened		Place	
	Died	17 Mar 1955	Place	Iola, Allen, KS
	Buried	22 Mar 1955	Place	Elsmore Cem, Elsmore, Allen Cem
	Spouse	Mahlon William "Mahlon" Brooks		
	Married	20 Nov 1900	Place	Neosho, Vernon, MO
6	M	Woodward "Tony" Griffin		
	Born	18 Apr 1885	Place	
	Christened		Place	
	Died	13 May 1939	Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse	Anna Swan		
	Married	13 May 1908	Place	

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THE GIFFIN FAMILY SUMMER ABOUT 1912 OR 1913

Back row: Milton Milford "Milt" Brock, Lydia "Mae" Giffin Brock, Roy Leonard Giffin, Nora Swan Giffin, Ina E. Giffin, Viva "Ruth" Brock (daughter of Glenna "Rosa" and Harvey Harrison Brock), ???Tietze (friend of Ruth's), Glenna "Rosa" Brock, and Harvey Harrison "Harve" Brock.

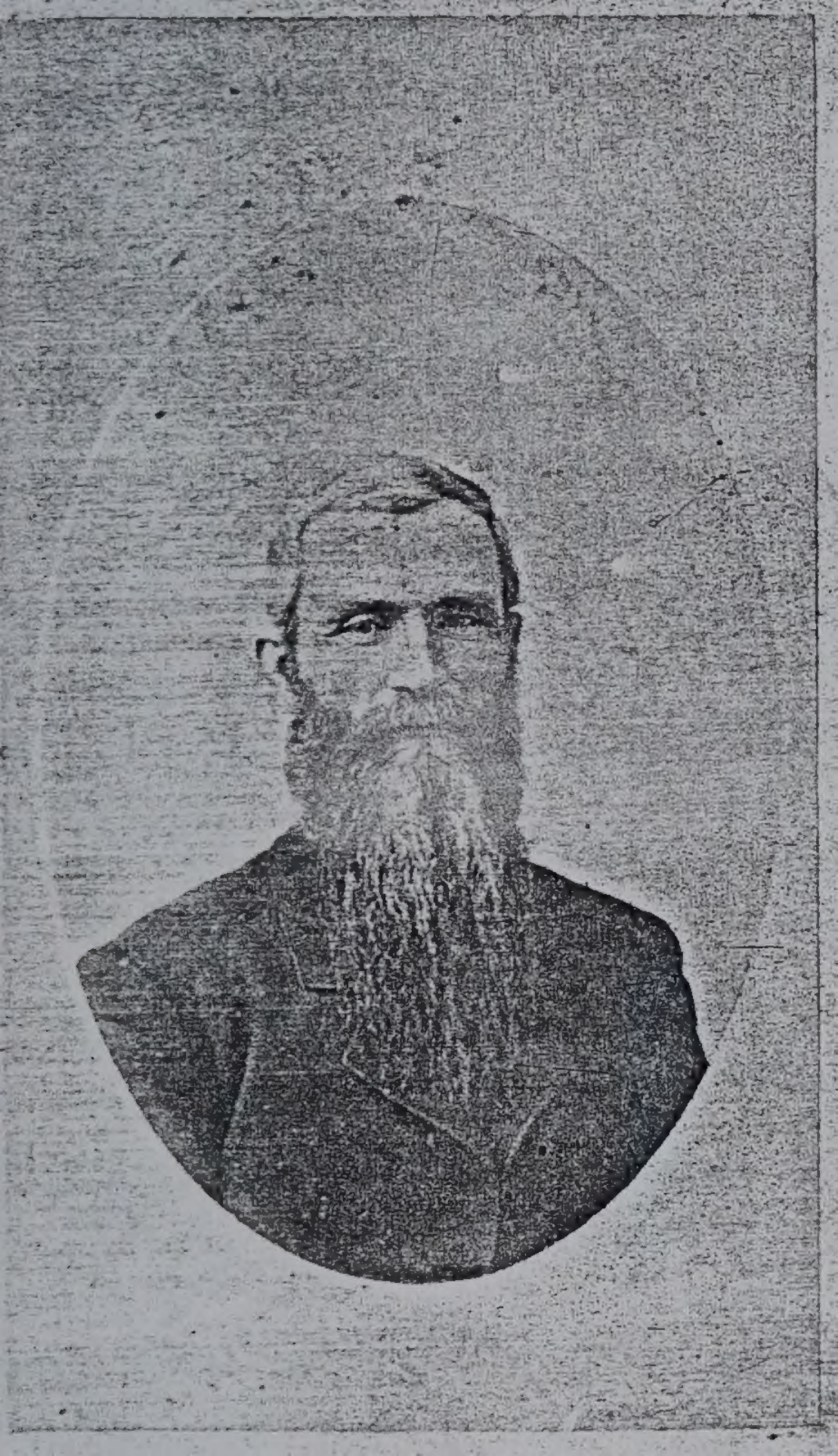
Front row: Harold David Brock (son of Harve and Rosa Brock), Clifford Roy Giffin (son of Roy and Nora Giffin), Henry Milford Brock (son of Harve and Rosa Brock), Sarah Jane Cook Giffin and Henry Giffin, Daisy Joan Brock (daughter of Rosa and Harve Brock), Lois Mae Brock (daughter of Milt and Mae Brock) and Clair Milford Brock (son of Milt and Mae Brock).

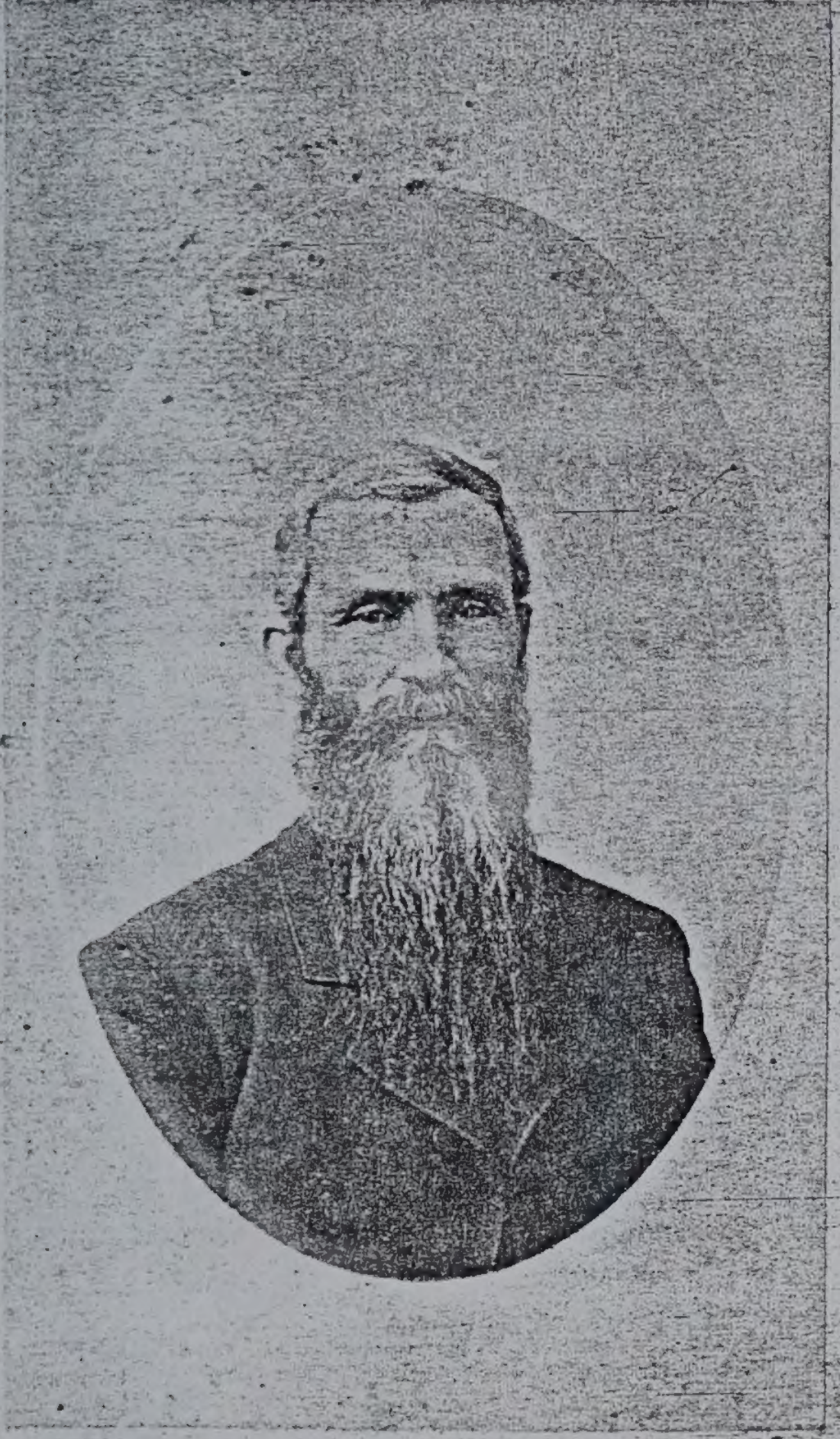
Speculation: This could have been taken in September of 1913. Near Sarah's 70 th birthday.

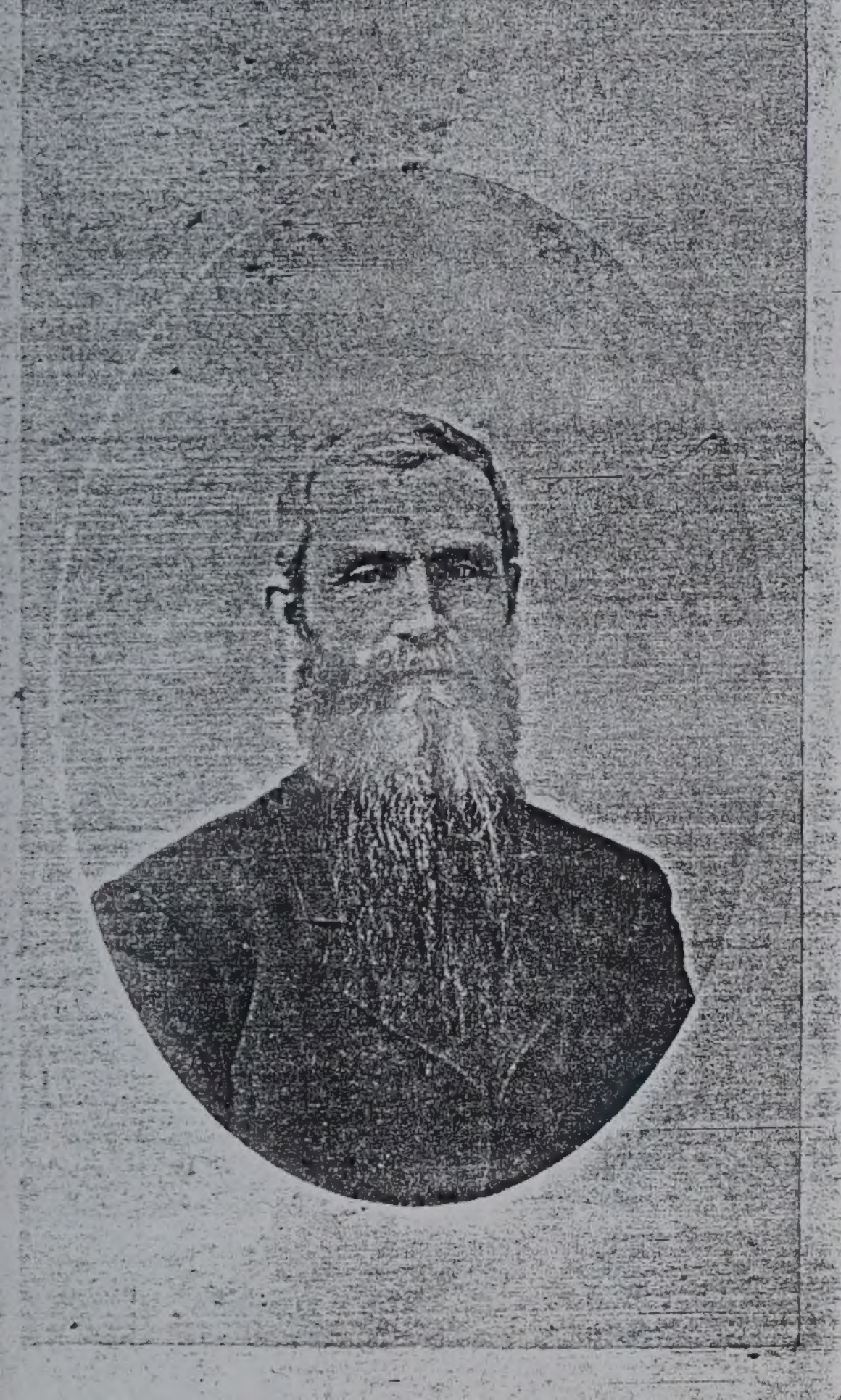
"I
Love My
Ma-Ma"
Sunshine

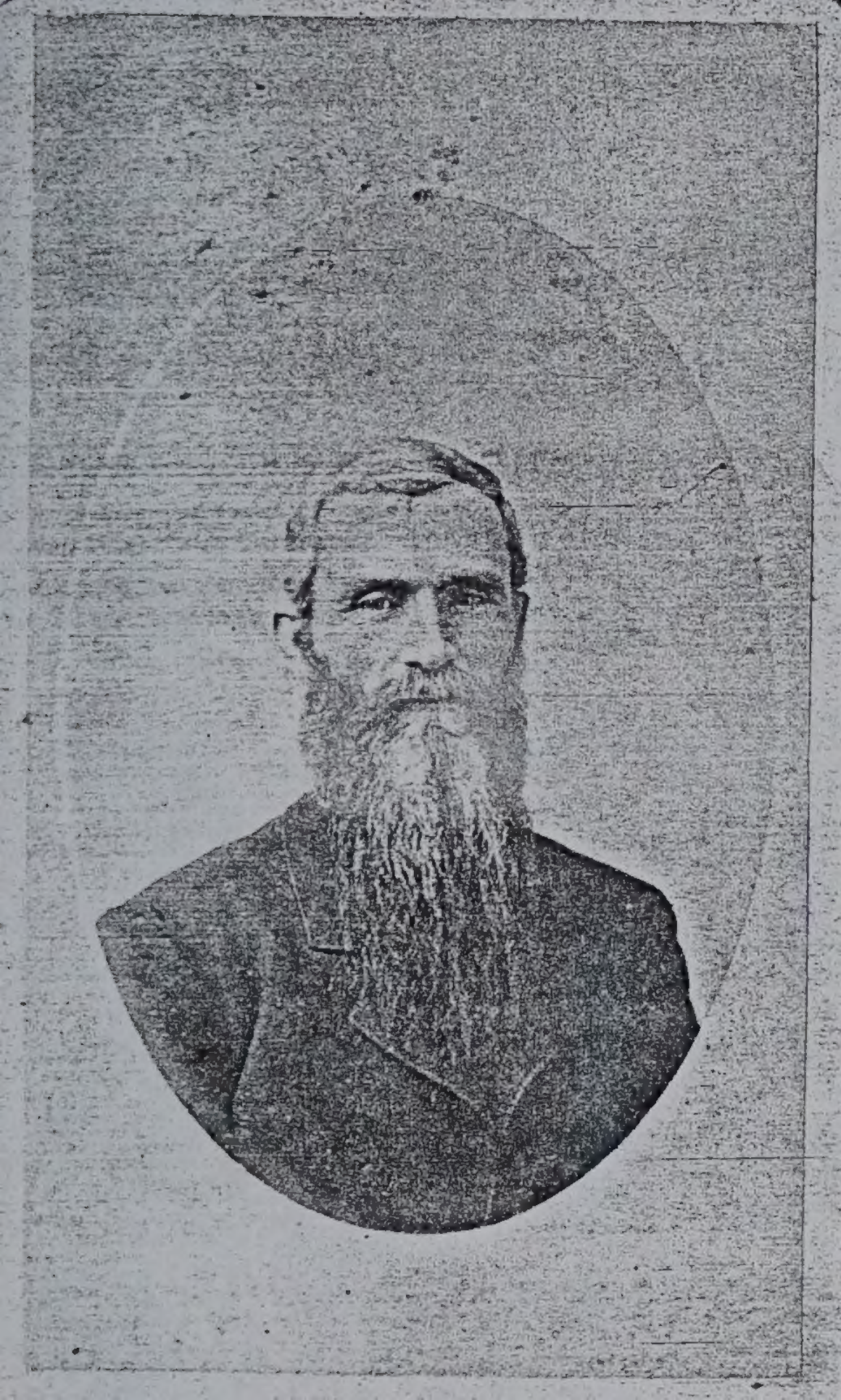
The is my doll
picture

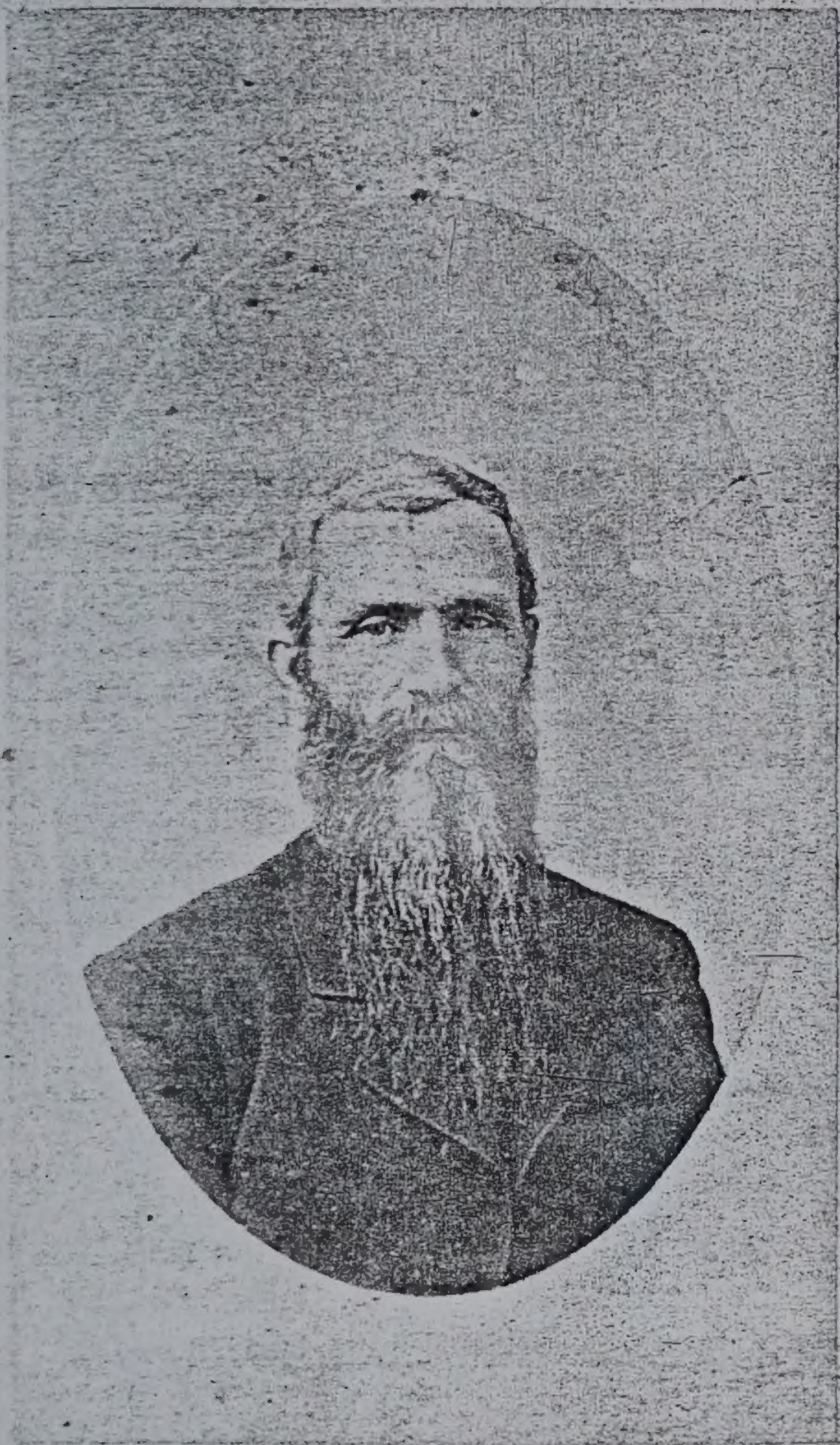
Amy
Giffin

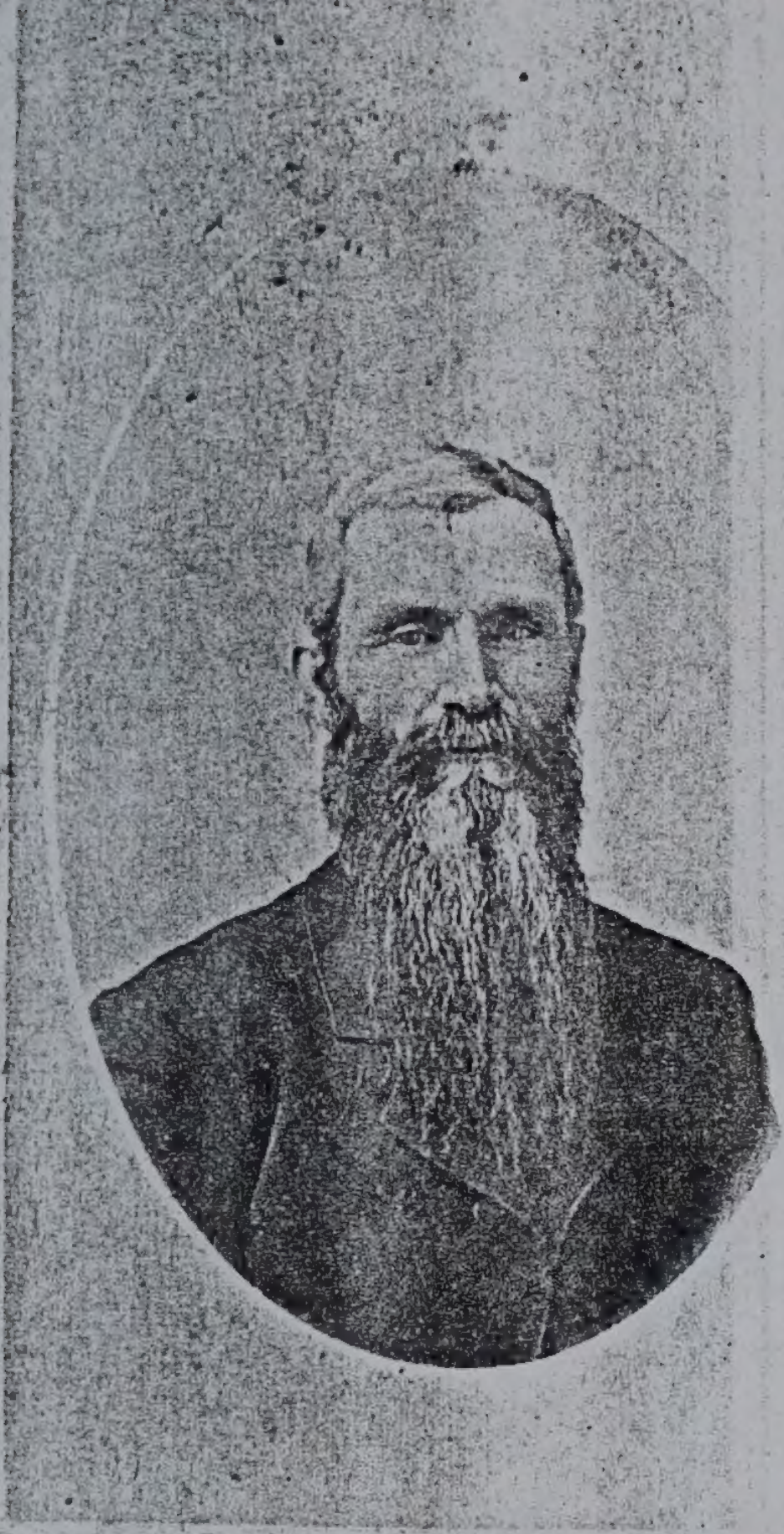












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Milt, Mae, Roy, Nora, Ina, Ruth, Fritzie, Rosa, ~~Howe~~

friend of Rosa & Mae

Ft. Row

Harold, ~~Roy~~ Clifford (Roy & Nora's son), Henry)

Have & Rosa's sons

Sarah Jane Cook Griffin) | Henry Griffin, d. Nov 1913 | Lucy Joan Brock, b. Jan 1904 | Lois Mae Brock, b. Dec 1907 | Clair Brock b. Jan 1910

When Taken before 1913 in nice weather

Clair looks to be about 2 or 3

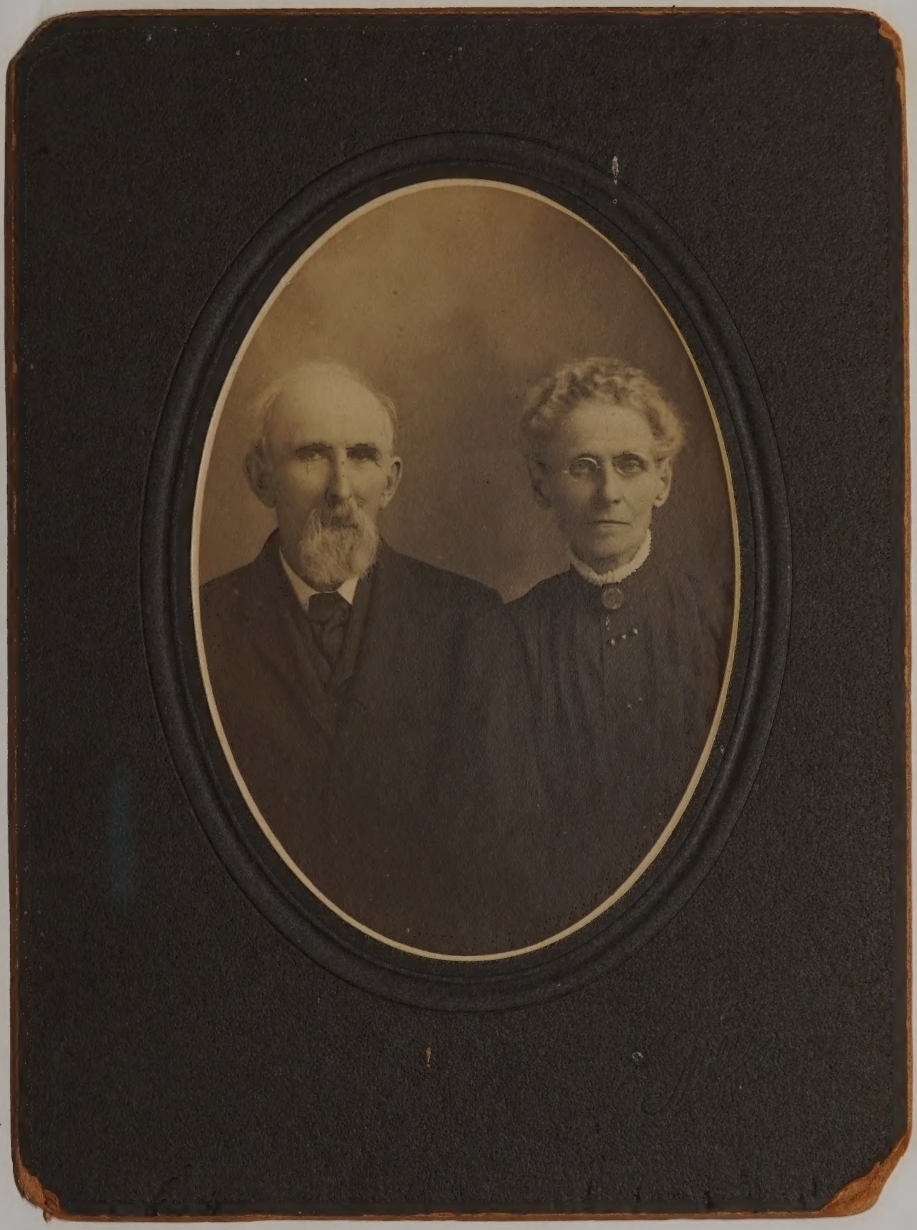
Rosa Have

Harold b. Mar 1901

Henry - Jan 1906

Roy aug 1907

Roy & Nora



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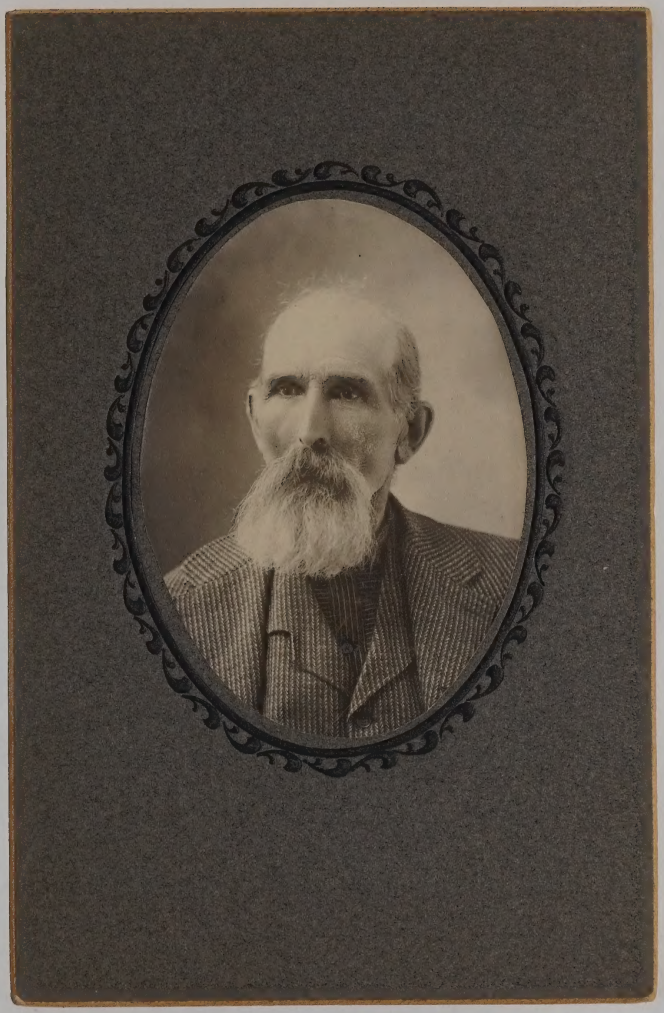

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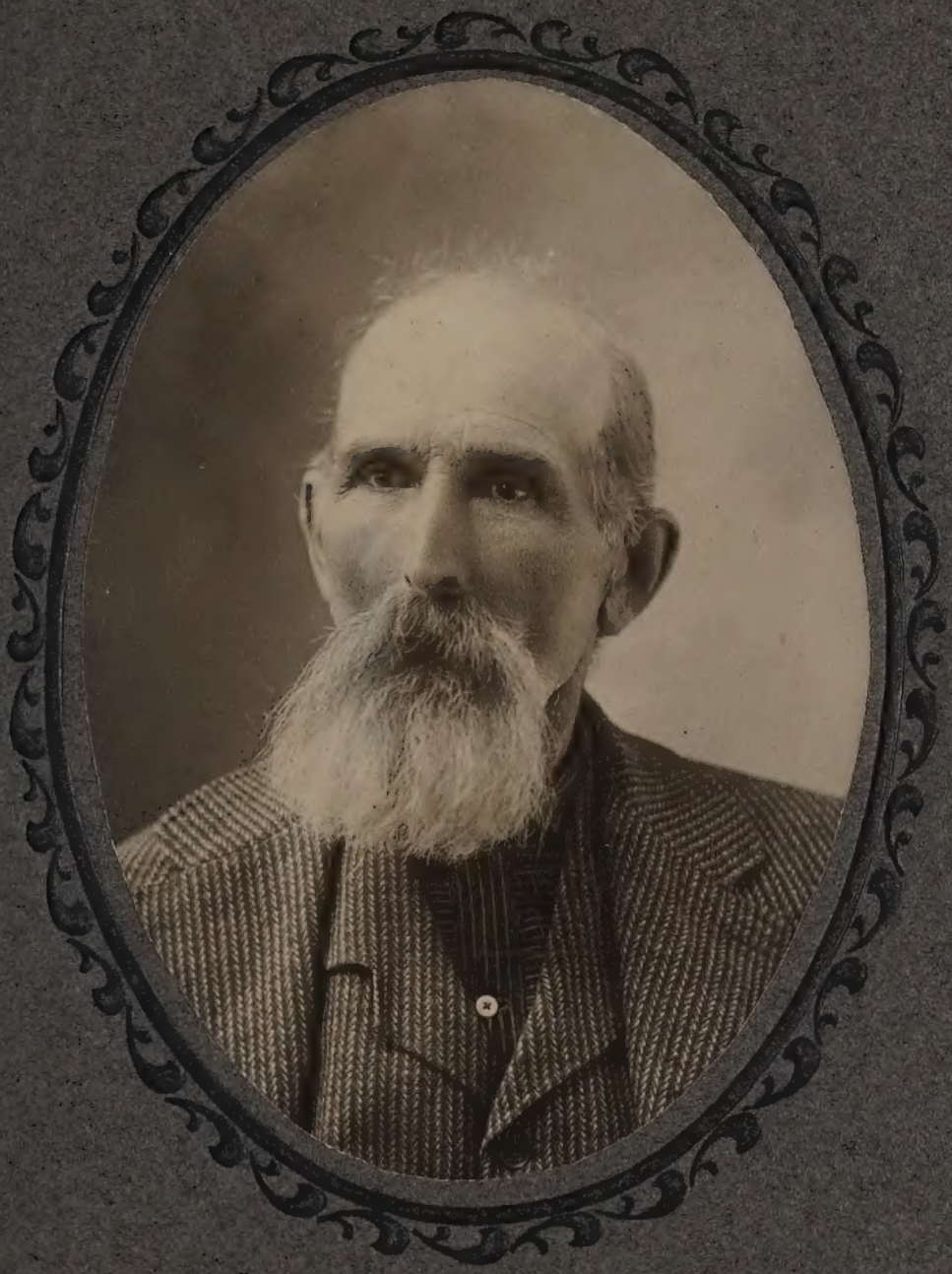

Obituary

Griffin

Henry Griffin was born in Ogdenburg, N. Y., Dec. 20, 1835, and died at his home in La Harpe, Kan., Nov. 23, 1913, aged 77 years, 11 months and 27 days.

He was married at Viola, Ill., Dec. 20, 1865, to Sarah Jane Cooke. To this union were born six children, five of whom, with the wife and mother, survive him. Frank J. and Roy S., of Elkville, Ill.; Ina E., of Kansas City; Mrs. Mae Brock, of Lebanon, Mo. and Mrs. Rosa Brock, of La Harpe, Kan., all of whom were at his bedside except Frank.

Mr. Griffin was an old soldier, having served 2 years and 6 months in the civil war. He belonged to the 14th New York heavy artillery. He moved to La Harpe in 1906, having formerly resided near Dunlap, in Morris county, Kansas, where he was laid to rest.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindness during the illness and death of our dear husband and father. Also for the many beautiful flowers.

MRS. HENRY GRIFFIN AND FAMILY.

Tin type
Taken in
1886

Sarah Jane
Tin
type

Harve & Rosa's House
LaHarpe, Ks.
Mae, Mother, Rosa
Ruth & Harold

Grandpa & Grandma
Giffins house in LaHarp
Kans. Them sitting
on the porch steps

Mae Brock's
handwriting

This would be
Henry + Sara Jane
Giffin, her parents

Dunlap KS Cemetery
Taken by Sexton 1988

Originals in Photocopies

Copy on (1) Proof book reduced to 8½x11

(2) To Donna Lee

(3) Judy

(4) photos/section Info in Henry Coffin DNR file

Cemetery pet
@ Dunlop

Boats on the River at the foot of
Main Street,
Kansas City, Mo.

August 22 1912

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

Dear May & Milt I
write a few lines to
have the hay
my eyes are
and I have
all the
come
Mrs Wadkey and
girls and
girl is here they come
last Saturday
Beth has lots of
I
Sorry
letter

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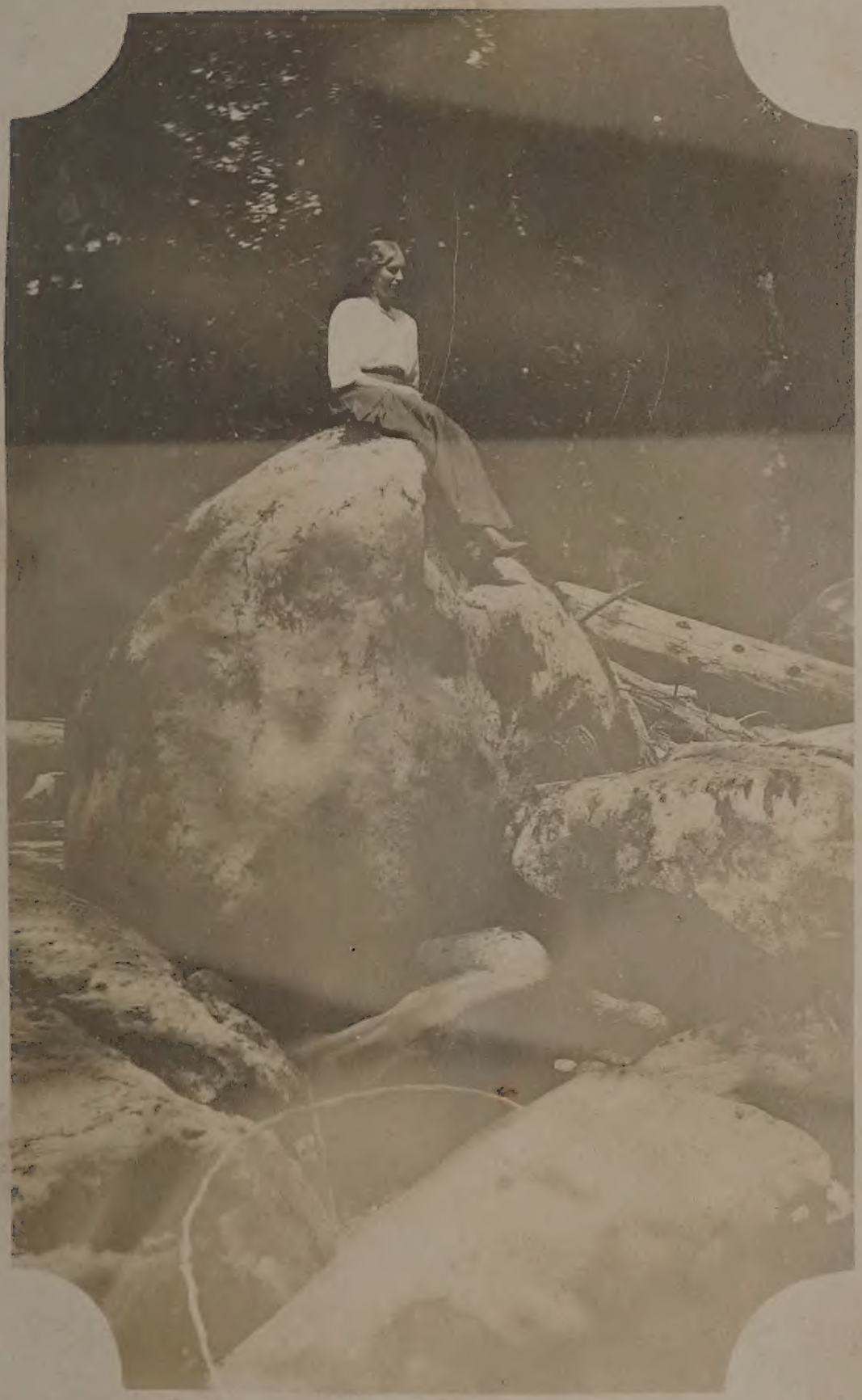

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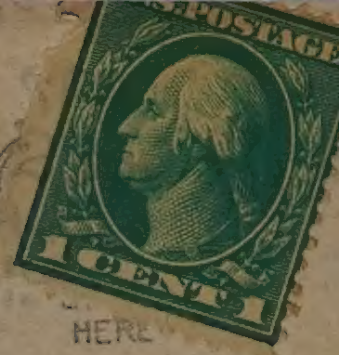

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Mrs M. M. Brock

Oakland

Mt

Winter Sarah

The Henry Giffin children

Frank Mae Roy

Ina Rosa

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Roy Sanford Giffin, Lydia "Mae" Giffin Brock,
Frank J. Giffin, and Glenna "Rosa" Giffin Brock.
Taken 21 August 1940
First Reunion in 27 years

Amy Giffin (daughter of Roy and Nora Giffin), Roy Giffin, Nora Giffin,
Elsie Giffin, Rosa Giffin Brock, Frank Giffin,
Mae Giffin Brock and Sanford Roy Giffin

Taken at Mae's home
1315 W. Bridge, Blackwell, OK
21 August 1940

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Sanford Roy Giffin, Frank J. Giffin, Eileen Brock Walcher (daughter of Mae & Milt Brock), Roy Sanford Giffin, Nora Swan Giffin, Rosa Giffin Brock and Mae Giffin Brock
Children: Ernie Brock Walcher and Barbara Jean Walcher (son and daughter of Eileen Brock Walcher)
21 August 1940

Amy Giffin (daughter of Roy and Nora Giffin), Roy Giffin, Nora Giffin, and Frank Giffin and Sanford Roy Giffin
21 August 1940

Individual Summary
for Ina G Giffin

Born on	12 Dec 1870	at		
Christened on		at		
Died on	5 Jan 1939	at		
Buried on		at	Sex: F	ID: A1B3D3

Father: Henry Giffin Mother: Sarah Jane Cooke

Notes

Died in a rocking chair at Rosa and Harve's, age 69. Never married.

MISS INA E GIFFIN

JANUARY 5th
1939

Gratefully acknowledging
and thanking you for your
kind expression of sympathy
Mr Frank Giffin
Mr Roy Giffin
Mrs H.H. Brock
Mrs Mae Brock

Miss Ina Giffin

Ina Giffin + her mother,
Sarah Jane Cook Giffin

Rosa, Ina, Mae
August 1938

Ina + Children she kept house for?

+ Ina

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Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Giffin and daughter, Sharon of Murphysboro, were visitors Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Giffin.

EMPORIA, KAN.

Family Group Record

Husband **Frank J Giffin**

Born	30 Apr 1872	Place	Rochelle, Ogle, IL
Chris'd		Place	
Died	8 Feb 1949	Place	Vergennes, Jackson, IL
Buried	Feb 1949	Place	Vergennes, Jackson, IL, Central Cem
Married	27 Oct 1897	Place	Nevada, Vernon, MO
Husband's father	Henry Giffin	Husband's mother	Sarah Jane Cooke

Wife **Carrie Mae Williams**

Born	16 Apr 1877	Place	Dallas, Dallas, TX
Chris'd		Place	
Died	1 Nov 1954	Place	Murphysboro, Jackson, IL
Buried	Nov 1954	Place	Vergennes, Jackson, IL, Central Cem
Wife's father		Wife's mother	

Children List each child in order of birth.

1 M **Roy Raymond Giffin**

Born	11 Aug 1898	Place	Nevada, Vernon, MO
Chris'd		Place	
Died	25 Jul 1899	Place	Nevada, Vernon, MO
Buried		Place	
Spouse			
Married		Place	

2 M **Louie Everett Giffin**

Born	28 Sep 1899	Place	Nevada, Vernon, MO
Chris'd		Place	
Died	8 Dec 1958	Place	Ava, Jackson, MO
Buried	Dec 1958	Place	Ava, Jackson, MO, Evergreen Cem
Spouse	Ruth Pauline Nehring		
Married	3 Apr 1920	Place	Pickneyville, Perry, IL

3 F **Hazel Marvelle Giffin**

Born	29 Sep 1901	Place	Nevada, Vernon, MO
Chris'd		Place	
Died	15 Dec 1917	Place	
Buried		Place	Vergennes, Jackson, IL, Central Cem
Spouse			
Married		Place	

4 F **Eva Mae Giffin**

Born	6 Sep 1903	Place	Nevada, Vernon, MO
Chris'd		Place	
Died	29 Oct 1908	Place	Elkville, Jackson, IL
Buried	Oct 1908	Place	Vergennes, Jackson, IL, Central Cem
Spouse			
Married		Place	

5 M **William Franklin Giffin**

Born	4 Sep 1905	Place	Nevada, Vernon, MO
Chris'd		Place	
Died	16 Nov 1956	Place	Elkville, Jackson, IL
Buried	Nov 1956	Place	Elkville, Jackson, IL
Spouse			
Married		Place	

6 M **Henry Joseph Giffin**

Born	11 Aug 1908	Place	Elkville, Jackson, IL
Chris'd		Place	
Died	15 Nov 1981	Place	Apache Jct., Pinal, AZ
Buried		Place	Elkville, Jackson, IL, Elkville Cem
Spouse	Doris Koerber		
Married	28 Feb 1930	Place	

7 M **Harry Irvin Giffin**

Born	12 Apr 1910	Place	Elkville, Jackson, IL
Chris'd		Place	
Died	Nov 1938	Place	Pueblo, Pueblo, CO
Buried		Place	
Spouse			
Married		Place	

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Born	30 Apr 1872	Place Rushville, Ogle, Il.
Christ		Place
Died	8 Feb 1949	Place Vergennes, Jackson, Il.
Buried	Feb 1949	Place Vergennes, Jackson, Il., Central Cem
Married	27 Oct 1897	Place Nevada, Vernon, MO
Husband's father	Henry Griffin	Husband's mother Sarah Jane Cooke

Wife **Carrie May Williams**

Born	16 Apr 1877	Place Dallas, Dallas, TX
Christ		Place
Died	1 Nov 1954	Place Murphysboro, Jackson, Il.
Buried	Nov 1954	Place Vergennes, Jackson, Il., Central Cem
Wife's father		Wife's mother

Children List each child in order of birth.

1	M	**Roy Raymond Griffin**	
	Born	11 Aug 1898	Place Nevada, Vernon, MO
	Christ		Place
	Died	25 Jul 1899	Place Nevada, Vernon, MO
	Buried		Place
	Spouse		
	Married		Place
2	M	**Louis Everett Griffin**	
	Born	28 Sep 1899	Place Nevada, Vernon, MO
	Christ		Place
	Died	8 Jan 1959	Place Ava, Jackson, MO
	Buried	Jan 1959	Place Ava, Jackson, MO, Evergreen Cem
	Spouse	Ruth Pauline Maloney	
	Married	2 Apr 1930	Place Fishtown, Ogle, Il.
3	F	**Hazel Marcella Griffin**	
	Born	29 Sep 1901	Place Nevada, Vernon, MO
	Christ		Place
	Died	15 Dec 1917	Place
	Buried		Place Vergennes, Jackson, Il., Central Cem
	Spouse		
	Married		Place
4	F	**Eva Mae Griffin**	
	Born	6 Sep 1903	Place Nevada, Vernon, MO
	Christ		Place
	Died	29 Oct 1906	Place Rushville, Jackson, Il.
	Buried	Oct 1906	Place Vergennes, Jackson, Il., Central Cem
	Spouse		
	Married		Place
5	M	**William Franklin Griffin**	
	Born	4 Sep 1905	Place Nevada, Vernon, MO
	Christ		Place
	Died	16 Dec 1956	Place Rushville, Jackson, Il.
	Buried	Dec 1956	Place Rushville, Jackson, Il.
	Spouse		
	Married		Place
6	M	**Henry Joseph Griffin**	
	Born	11 Aug 1909	Place Rushville, Jackson, Il.
	Christ		Place
	Died	15 Nov 1981	Place Apache Jct., Pinal, AZ
	Buried		Place Rushville, Jackson, Il., Rushville Cem
	Spouse	Doris Koontz	
	Married	26 Nov 1930	Place
7	M	**Harry Leon Griffin**	
	Born	12 Apr 1918	Place Rushville, Jackson, Il.
	Christ		Place
	Died	Nov 1978	Place Pueblo, Pueblo, CO
	Buried		Place
	Spouse		
	Married		Place

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Family Group Record

Husband	Frank J Giffin			
Wife	Carrie Mae Williams			
Children	List each child in order of birth.			
8 M	**Jacob "Richard" Giffin**			
	Born	15 Jul 1911	Place	Elkville, Jackson, IL
	Chris'd		Place	
	Died		Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse	Ethel Elizabeth Swaar		
	Married	31 Mar 1938	Place	DeSota, Jackson, IL
9 M	**Gilbert Reese Giffin**			
	Born	2 Dec 1913	Place	Elkville, Jackson, IL
	Chris'd		Place	
	Died	20 Jan 1951	Place	East St. Louis, St. Clair, IL
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse	Eleanor Pfau		
	Married	20 Jan 1951	Place	East St. Louis, St. Clair, IL
10 M	**Roy Sanford Giffin**			
	Born	24 Apr 1915	Place	Elkville, Jackson, IL
	Chris'd		Place	
	Died	23 Jan 1971	Place	Danforth, , IL
	Buried	26 Jan 1971	Place	Danforth, , IL
	Spouse	Vivian "Billie" Tolen		
	Married	Nov 1939	Place	
11 M	**Robert J Giffin**			
	Born	29 Aug 1921	Place	Elkville, Jackson, IL
	Chris'd		Place	
	Died	2 Sep 1921	Place	
	Buried		Place	, , , Central Cem
	Spouse			
	Married		Place	

Frank J. Giffin

Junior Giffin

6 weeks

7 months

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Quilt an Harve
Frank is at work he
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ing to find a cow that
is for sale but he has
such little time as the wind
is so deep an it is raining so much he dont get a
round very fast

NAME AND ADDRESS HERE

Mrs Milford Brock

La Harpe

Kan

Back - Roy & Gilbert Griffin
Lois, Carrie & Mae
Summer 1929

Above is a group of members of the families of Frank and Roy Giffin. They enjoyed a happy reunion last spring at the home of Mr. and Frank Giffin near Vergennes.

LILLIE J. GIFFIN
DEC. 4, 1874
DEC. 8, 1882

Family Group Record

Husband **Harvey Harrison "Harve" Brock**

Born	19 Aug 1875	Place	Carydon, Floyd, IN
Chris'd		Place	
Died	Apr 1958	Place	Iola, Allen, KS
Buried	Apr 1958	Place	Moran, Allen, KS
Married		Place	
Husband's father	Lafayette Brock	Husband's mother	Sarah Frances Powell

Wife **Glenna "Rosa" Giffin**

Born	11 Jun 1877	Place	
Chris'd		Place	
Died	Apr 1958	Place	Iola, Allen, KS
Buried	Apr 1958	Place	Moran, Allen, KS
Wife's father	Henry Giffin	Wife's mother	Sarah Jane Cooke

Children List each child in order of birth.

1 F **Viva "Ruth" Brock**

Born	29 Mar 1898	Place	
Chris'd		Place	
Died	Nov 1975	Place	, , CA
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Wayne Preston		
Married		Place	

2 M **Harold David Brock**

Born	20 Jan 1901	Place	
Chris'd		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse			
Married		Place	

3 F **Daisy "Joan" Brock**

Born	3 Jan 1904	Place	La Harpe, Allen, KS
Chris'd		Place	
Died	28 Aug 1984	Place	East Alton, , IL
Buried		Place	
Spouse	John "Roy" Allard		
Married		Place	

4 M **Henry Milford Brock**

Born	19 Jan 1906	Place	La Harpe, Allen, KS
Chris'd		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Edna Goerke		
Married		Place	

5 M **Roy Leonard Brock**

Born	11 Aug 1907	Place	La Harpe, Allen, KS
Chris'd		Place	
Died	Oct 1977	Place	Corte Madera, CA
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Thelma		
Married		Place	

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Family Group Record

Husband: Harvey Harrison "Harry" Brock

Born	19 Aug 1875	Place: Cayuga, Floyd, IN
Christ'd		Place
Died	Apr 1958	Place: Iola, Allen, KS
Buried	Apr 1958	Place: Moran, Allen, KS
Married		Place
Residence before	Lafayette Brock	Residence after: South Fork, Powell

Wife: Clarissa "Rosa" Collins

Born	11 Jun 1877	Place
Christ'd		Place
Died	Apr 1958	Place: Iola, Allen, KS
Buried	Apr 1958	Place: Moran, Allen, KS
Widow's name	Henry Collins	Widow's address: South Lane County

Children: (list them and dates in order of birth)

1 F Vivian "Ruth" Brock

Born	29 Mar 1898	Place
Christ'd		Place
Died	Nov 1973	Place: , CA
Buried		Place
Spouse: Wayne Preston		
Married		Place

2 M Harold Bruce Brock

Born	20 Jan 1901	Place
Christ'd		Place
Died		Place
Buried		Place
Spouse		
Married		Place

3 F Haley "Jean" Brock

Born	3 Jan 1904	Place: La Harpe, Allen, KS
Christ'd		Place
Died	25 Aug 1994	Place: Fort Atkinson, WI
Buried		Place
Spouse: John "Ron" Allred		
Married		Place

4 M Henry Bishard Brock

Born	19 Jan 1906	Place: La Harpe, Allen, KS
Christ'd		Place
Died		Place
Buried		Place
Spouse: Edna Goodie		
Married		Place

5 M Roy Leonard Brock

Born	11 Aug 1907	Place: La Harpe, Allen, KS
Christ'd		Place
Died	Oct 1977	Place: Fort Madison, IA
Buried		Place
Spouse: Helene		
Married		Place

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Family Group Record

Husband **Milford Milligan "Milt" Brock**

Born	25 Oct 1876	Place	New Albany, Floyd, IN
Chris'd		Place	
Died	24 Oct 1936	Place	Blackwell, Kay, OK
Buried	26 Oct 1936	Place	Blackwell, Kay, OK, IOOF Cem
Married	29 Nov 1900	Place	Nevada, Vernon, MO
Husband's father	Lafayette Brock	Husband's mother	Sarah Frances Powell

Wife **Lydia "Mae" Giffin**

Born	27 May 1880	Place	Alexandria, Thayer, NB
Chris'd		Place	
Died	19 Mar 1955	Place	Iola, Allen, KS
Buried	22 Mar 1955	Place	Blackwell, Kay, OK, IOOF Cem
Wife's father	Henry Giffin	Wife's mother	Sarah Jane Cooke

Children List each child in order of birth.

1 F **Marvelle Ruth Brock**

Born	15 May 1904	Place	La Harpe, Allen, KS
Chris'd		Place	
Died	15 May 1904	Place	La Harpe, Allen, KS
Buried		Place	
Spouse			
Married		Place	

2 F **Lois Mae Brock**

Born	22 Dec 1907	Place	La Harpe, Allen, KS
Chris'd		Place	
Died	7 Aug 1983	Place	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, OK
Buried	Aug 1983	Place	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, OK
Spouse	Joseph Henry "Joe" Muir Sr.		
Married	12 Sep 1926	Place	Blackwell, Kay, OK

3 M **Clair Milford Brock**

Born	18 Jan 1910	Place	La Harpe, Allen, KS
Chris'd		Place	
Died	Dec 1975	Place	Garland, Dallas, TX
Buried	Dec 1975	Place	Garland, Dallas, TX, Restland Park CE
Spouse	Elizabeth Irene Goerke		
Married	18 Jun 1932	Place	Blackwell, Kay, OK

4 F **Eileen Rosalee Brock**

Born	4 Mar 1917	Place	LaHarpe, Allen Co., KS
Chris'd		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Edwin Allen Walcher		
Married	4 Jan 1935	Place	Perry, Noble, OK

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Husband William Henry "Willie" Brock

Born	25 Oct 1876	Place Mize Station, Miami, OK
Christened		Place
Died	24 Oct 1956	Place Blackwell, Kay, OK
Buried	26 Oct 1956	Place Blackwell, Kay, OK, IOOF Ceme
Married	29 Nov 1900	Place Nevada, Vernon, MO
Husband's father	Lafayette Brock	Husband's mother Sarah Frances Powell

Wife Lydia "Mae" Collins

Born	27 May 1880	Place Minneola, Tioga, MI
Christened		Place
Died	19 Mar 1955	Place Ada, Allen, KS
Buried	22 Mar 1955	Place Blackwell, Kay, OK, IOOF Ceme
Wife's father	Henry Collins	Wife's mother Sarah Jane Coates

Children List every child in order of birth

1	F	Mary Lydia Brock Brock	
	Born	13 May 1904	Place La Harpe, Allen, KS
	Christened		Place
	Died	15 Mar 1994	Place La Harpe, Allen, KS
	Buried		Place
	Married		
	Spouse		
	Married		Place
2	F	Lydia Mae Brock	
	Born	22 Dec 1907	Place La Harpe, Allen, KS
	Christened		Place
	Died	7 Aug 1983	Place Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, OK
	Buried	Aug 1983	Place Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, OK
	Spouse	Joseph Henry "Joe" Mills Sr	
	Married	23 Sep 1926	Place Blackwell, Kay, OK
3	M	Claude William Brock	
	Born	18 Jan 1910	Place La Harpe, Allen, KS
	Christened		Place
	Died	Dec 1975	Place Garland, Dallas, TX
	Buried	Dec 1975	Place Garland, Dallas, TX, Rolling Park CE
	Spouse	Elizabeth Jane Coates	
	Married	18 Jan 1932	Place Blackwell, Kay, OK
4	F	Eileen Roseline Brock	
	Born	4 Mar 1912	Place Lanhope, Allen Co, KS
	Christened		Place
	Died		Place
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	Elmer Allen Wilson	
	Married	4 Jan 1932	Place Ponca, Kay, OK

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Our Dear Friends
October 19. 1952

MR. AND MRS. FRED WOLZ, 520 South Sixth, Sunday are celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Wolz were married in Blackwell Oct. 19, 1910. In celebration of the event guests at the Wolz home this weekend are Mrs. Joe Bacher of Bowie, Tex., mother of Mrs. Wolz; Mrs. Alvin Baccus, sister of Mrs. Wolz, Bowie, Tex.; Charles Ward, Bowie; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker and sons, Danny and Gary, who are en route to their new home in California; Mr. and Mrs. Dwaine Smejkal and daughters, Jonna and Jacalyn, Blasco, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Dick White, Beloit, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barland and Virginia, Bobby and Brian, Lawrence, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Waller and family, Ponca City; and Mrs. Marie Hunt, Blackwell.

Halloween Oct. 1952
Mae Brock, Marie Hunt
and Dean Wolz

Family Group Record

Husband **Roy Sanford Giffin**

Born	18 Apr 1885	Place	
Chris'd		Place	
Died	12 May 1909	Place	
Buried		Place	
Married	12 May 1909	Place	
Husband's father	Henry Giffin	Husband's mother	Sarah Jane Cooke

Wife **Nora Swan**

Born	2 Dec 1890	Place	Hailidayboro
Chris'd		Place	
Died	17 Apr 1956	Place	DuQuoin
Buried		Place	Elkville, Jackson, IL, Elkville Cem
Wife's father		Wife's mother	

Children List each child in order of birth.

1 F **Amy Giffin**

Born		Place	
Chris'd		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Edward Knowles		
Married		Place	

2 M **Clifford Giffin**

Born		Place	
Chris'd		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse			
Married		Place	

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Family Group Record

Husband — John Sandford Collins

Born	14 Apr 1843	Paris
Christ		Paris
Died	12 May 1909	Paris
Buried		Paris
Married	22 Sep 1870	Paris

Husband's father: Henry Collins — Husband's mother: Sarah Jane Cooke

Wife — Maria Sykes

Born	2 Dec 1849	Paris, Hardin Co
Christ		Paris
Died	17 Apr 1926	Paris, Dallas Co
Buried		Paris, Eldorado Indian, Fl, Eldorado Cem

Father's name: Wilson Sykes

Children — List each child in order of birth

1 F Mary Collins

Born	Paris
Christ	Paris
Died	Paris
Buried	Paris
Spouse	Edward Lumsden
Married	Paris

2 M Clifford Collins

Born	Paris
Christ	Paris
Died	Paris
Buried	Paris
Spouse	
Married	Paris

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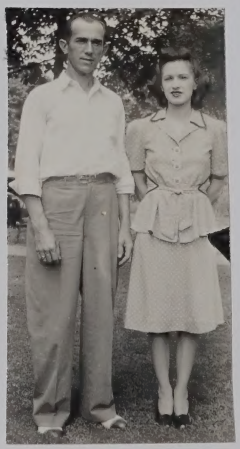
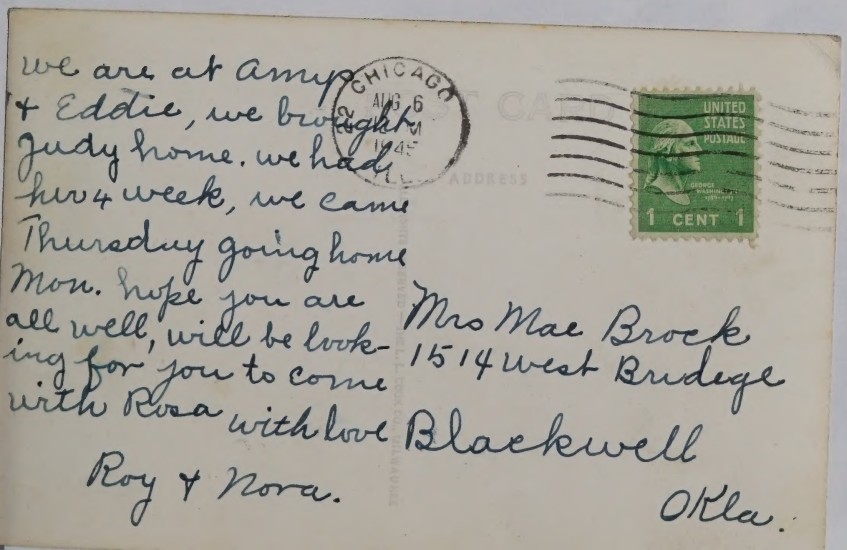
DINNER HELD IN THE ROY GIFFIN HOME SUNDAY

A dinner was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Giffin Sunday to celebrate the 68th birthday of Mr. Giffin.

Enjoying the day together were: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Giffin and children, Linda and Jimmy; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Knowles and daughter, Judy; and Mr. and Mrs. Giffin.





we are at Amy
& Eddie, we brought
Judy home. we had
her 4 week, we came
Thursday going home
Mon. hope you are
all well, will be look-
ing for you to come
with Rosa with love
Roy & Nora.

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Linda Lou Giffin
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James Sanford
Giffin - 5 yrs.